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The Embassy of Pakistan categorically denies the allegation in a Washington Times report (5 February, 1996) that China has exported components of nuclear weapons technology to Pakistan.

Describing this allegation as baseless, a spokesman of the Embassy referred to previous such allegations by similar sources which had proven to be totally false.

It was unfortunate that these sources were not focusing on the real threat to non-proliferation posed by India's preparation to conduct a second nuclear test, its testing and production of the nuclear capable a Prithvi missile, and the reversal of its declared support for an early conclusion of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. This approach betrays a double standard that continues to undermine non-proliferation in South Asia.